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NEWS & UPDATES:

CTE Presentation at the State Board of Education (SBE) Meeting

Audience: All

Last month Jay Ramsey, CTE Workgroup Coordinator, presented to the SBE. Jay's presentation provides a broad overview of some of the activities of the Career & Technical Education (CTE) system around the state with particular highlights given to areas of the state where SBE members reside. Statistical information reported is from the 2012-2013 school year. [Click here](#) to view the Prezi.

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Vermont Teachers Featured on Agency's *Let's Talk Education* blog

Audience: All

We recently launched a new feature - the [Let's Talk Education](#) blog. The first blog spotlighted standards - specifically the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). We asked teachers to discuss the instructional shifts, what the standards are and why they are necessary.

- Christina Suarez, Social Studies teacher at Lake Region UHS: <http://bit.ly/1i3Fo0i>
- Craig Divis, Social Studies teacher at Bellows Falls UHS: <http://bit.ly/1o5zhQA>
- Katy Farber, 6th grade teacher at Rumney Memorial School: <http://bit.ly/1jCSoiZ>
- Sue Zeineth-Collins, ELA & Tech Educator at Montgomery Elementary: <http://bit.ly/1h7VDJD>
- Valerie Gasco, Special Educator at Riverside Middle School: <http://bit.ly/1jUqrNV>

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Teacher Feature: Mary Kay Pfadenhauer

Audience: All

Have you seen the Agency's *Teacher Feature* page on Facebook? *Teacher Feature* is a way for Vermonters to nominate great educators in your community! [Click here](#) to learn more about Mary Kay Pfadenhauer, k-2 teacher at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. Please email submissions and a photo of the teacher you would like to recognize to AOE.Webmanager@state.vt.us.

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Vermont Munch Times

Audience: All

The May 15, 2014 issue is now online: <http://bit.ly/1oT4F4W>. Topics include Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs, Community Eligibility, Save the date: Summer Institute, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant announcement, VT Higher Education Collaborative: Nutrition & Food Education Course. View past issues here: <http://bit.ly/19mOFA6>.

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AOE Communication

Audience: All

Our press releases, field memos, calendar of events, and more are online: <http://bit.ly/11ajrTH>. View our strategic plan here: <http://bit.ly/1cZbMBP>. Connect with the AOE on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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LEGISLATIVE, RECOMMENDED & REQUIRED ACTIONS:

Clarification of School Meals Program Policies

Audience: School Administrators, School Food Program Administrators

This [memo](#) clarifies what schools can and cannot do regarding charging students for school meals, and is being shared with the field at the request of Vermont's Senate Education Committee. Learn more about model policies here: <http://education.vermont.gov/publications/model-policies>.

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Reminder: Supplemental Education Services 2013-2014-Survey

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Curriculum Coordinators

Deadline: June 3, 2014

[Supplemental Educational Services \(SES\)](#) are additional academic instruction outside the school day or during the summer designed to increase the academic achievement of students in Title I schools in the second year of School Improvement and in Corrective Action or Restructuring. All schools that are required to offer SES must complete the end of the year survey: <http://bit.ly/1qlA7XH>.

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Educational Support Services (ESS) Survey for SY 2013 – 2014

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Administrators, ESS School Coordinators

Deadline: June 15, 2014

Act 117 - VSA Title 16, Section 2904, requires that **each** district annually provide the Vermont Secretary of Education with a description of the Educational Support System (ESS), services and supports, how it is funded, and how building the capacity of the ESS is addressed in the School Action Plan. Please complete the survey: [ESS Survey](#).

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Count of State-Placed Students Data Collection for 2013-2014 School Year

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Registrars

Deadline: August 29, 2014

This school years' count of state-placed students report will be used in finalizing the ADM census report in fall 2014. After the last day of the 2013-2014 school year, it's recommended that your school representative complete SPS Form 1. This reporting form and a memorandum with instructions are located on our website: <http://education.vermont.gov/interagency-coordination/state-placed-students>.

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EDUCATOR QUALITY:

Work-Based Learning (WBL) Endorsement Draft: Seeking Feedback from the Field

Audience: Superintendents, High School Principals and School Counselors, Career and Technical Education Directors, Co-Op Coordinators

The revised WBL Coordinator endorsement supports Vermont's goal to increase students participating in work-based learning as part of the high school experience. [Click here](#) to read the memo outlining the revisions. Please provide your feedback on the [endorsement](#) via email to [Mary Beth McNulty](#).

Contact: Mary Beth McNulty, Educator Quality, 802-479-1712 or marybeth.mcnulty@state.vt.us

Spotlight on Agency Contact Info: Educator Quality & Licensing

Audience: All

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- <http://education.vermont.gov/licensing> (web)
- 219 North Main Street | Suite 402 | Barre, VT 05641 (physical and mailing address)

The Agency's website lists our contact information: <http://education.vermont.gov/contact>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Reminder: Call for League of Innovative Schools' Applications

Audience: Superintendents, Principals

Deadline: May 23, 2014

We are currently accepting applications from high schools interested in joining the League of Innovative Schools (LIS). The LIS is a member organization supported by the [New England Secondary School Consortium](#) (NESSC) and the AOE to provide educators with professional development, networking opportunities, support and resources as they work to personalize learning for all students. Learn more about the LIS here: <http://bit.ly/QbybDR> and here: <http://education.vermont.gov/nessc>.

Contact: Meg Powden, Lead to the Vermont LIS, 802-479-1338 or meg.powden@state.vt.us

Seeking Professional Learning Team Applicants

Audience: All

Deadline: May 30, 2014

We are looking for qualified applicants to be members of the Science, English Language Arts and Mathematics Professional Learning Teams. [Letters](#) and [applications](#) were sent to principals and curriculum coordinators last week. If you are interested and do not hear about it from your administration, please inquire via [email](#).

Contact: Sabine Baldwin, ISL Team, sabine.baldwin@state.vt.us

Common Core "Great Tasks" LNV and Case Study Learning Progressions Workshops

Audience: All Mathematics Educators

We have bundled our second and third PL opportunities in VE²! The LNV session now has a voice-over Power Point feature, and our Case Studies offer additional time with interpreting evidence of student

learning, and acting on that evidence. You can find all you need to recreate the PL in VE² <http://ve2.vermont.gov/>, Professional Development tab, CCSS Learning Progressions K-5 Place Value Reasoning OR CCSS Learning Progressions 6-12 Proportional Reasoning.

Contact: Tracy Watterson, Elementary Mathematics, 802-479-1353 or tracy.watterson@state.vt.us

Vermont Professional Learning Network (PLN) Announces Summer Online Courses

Audience: All Vermont Educators

“Fostering Algebraic Reasoning” and “Supervising CCSS Instruction” are the topics of two online courses offered by the PLN this summer. Skilled instructors will focus on specific learning outcomes in both 6th to 10th grade algebra and in supervision. Learn more and register here: www.VermontPLN.org.

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STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS:



Common Core State Standards (CCSS): FAQ from Secretary Holcombe

Audience: All

[Click here](#) to read the Common Core FAQ by Secretary Holcombe. Learn more about Common Core in Vermont here: <http://education.vermont.gov/common-core>.

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Statewide Assessment and Students with Disabilities Webinar

Audience: Parents, Teachers, Special Educators, Administrators, Advocates

With the implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Vermont, many parents of students with disabilities are concerned about the statewide assessment of these standards and how their children will meaningfully participate. State Testing Director Michael Hock and Alternate Assessment Coordinator Cindy Moran presented this webinar to the Vermont Family Network (VFN). [Click here](#) to view the webinar. [Click here](#) to view the PowerPoint.

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2015 School Participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, School Test Directors, School Administrators

In the spring of 2015, schools will participate in NAEP mathematics, reading, and science assessments at grades 4 and 8, and TIMSS for grades 4, 8, and 12. Superintendents and principals will be notified before the end of June 2014 so that principals can place the assessment window on their calendars and incorporate NAEP (January 26 to March 6, 2015) and TIMSS (March 30 to May 29, 2015) into the planned school program. [NAEP](#) is the largest nationally representative measure of student achievement across the country, and [TIMSS](#) is the longest ongoing international assessment.

Contact: Andrew Hudacs, NAEP State Coordinator, 802-479-1366 or andrew.hudacs@state.vt.us



Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): FAQ

Audience: All

Read the FAQs: <http://education.vermont.gov/science/faqs>. Learn more about Science in Vermont: <http://education.vermont.gov/science>. Learn more about NGSS: <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>.

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SMARTER Balanced Assessment: FAQ

Audience: All

How are the assessments being tested before implementation in the 2014-15 school year? [Click here](#) to read the answer. Read past FAQs: <http://education.vermont.gov/sbac/frequently-asked-questions>.

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OTHER EDUCATION NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

VPA Announces 2015 Vermont Principals of the Year

Audience: All

The Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) announced the 2015 Vermont Principals of the Year: William Olsen (Rutland High School), Ryan Parkman (Northfield Middle/High School), Rosemary FitzSimons (Wardsboro Elementary School), William Anton (Dover Elementary School), Dean Stearns (River Bend Career and Technical Center), Georgie Andrews (St. Albans City School), and Steve Cone (Riverside Middle School). Read the press release here: <http://www.vpaonline.org>.

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Seeking Nominations for the 2014 SNA-VT Awards for School Nutrition Professionals

Audience: All

Deadline: June 30, 2014

It is time to honor someone in your school kitchen who really stood out this year! Join the many schools in VT who have nominated outstanding Food Service Directors, Managers, and staff for their efforts to nourish students. Learn more about the awards here: <http://snvt.org/Awards.html>.

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Rowland Foundation: Developing Character - Student Achievement & Socio-Emotional Learning

Audience: All Educators (8-person teams strongly encouraged)

[Angela Duckworth](#) will be keynoting the [Rowland Foundation](#)'s annual conference on October 30, 2014 at UVM. This is her only speaking engagement in 2014! Workshops by faculty from San Diego's High Tech High, Colorado's Eagle Rock Professional Development Center, Rowland Fellows, and VT educators. Learn more and register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/93KVK2F>.

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Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Audience: All

In recognition of National Minority Health Month, we're sharing three data briefs on the health of youth and adult minority populations. There are two youth focused data briefs – one on racial and ethnic minority students and one on lesbian, gay and questioning students. The adult data brief is focused on racial and ethnic minorities. For youth: [Racial and Ethnic Minority Students](#) and [Lesbian, Gay and Questioning Students](#). For adults: [Racial and Ethnic Minority Adults](#).

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